

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2782
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PROTECTION OF KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the Dhansiri (South) flowing above the danger mark in July this year, the threat to Kaziranga National Park had intensified; and

(b) if so, what advance measures had been taken to avert and avoid the threat and what instant steps were taken to protect the National Park including the expenditure incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Yes, Sir. With the river Dhansiri (South) flowing above the danger mark in July 2003 possibility of breach in the Dhanairimukh dyke was identified as threat to Kaziranga National Park.

(b) The Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Government of Assam has reported that the Water Resources Department inspected the site and took up strengthening and repair work of the dyke. The Central Government has, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Assistance for Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries" sanctioned an amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs as financial assistance to the Assam State Government for protection and development of Kaziranga National Park during the current financial year for taking, inter alia, measures like, strengthening protection of wild animals on highlands, regulation of traffic on National Highway 37, intensive beat patrolling in and around the National Park, etc, by the Forest Department.